

**VILAS COUNTY FORESTRY DEPARTMENT**  
**POLICY FOR DETERMINING SCALE METHODS**  
**TIMBER SALES- 2020**

**REQUIRED LOGGER QUALIFICATION FOR SCALING METHODS**

Vilas County requires logger qualification to determine methods of accounting for products sold from the premises. Qualification requires provision of information, including past references and action history, from the Purchaser, for the Vilas County to adequately assess the ability of the Purchaser to successfully follow requirements for the Mill Scale. References will be checked for all purchasers that do not have a qualified history with Vilas County. Loggers determined not to be qualified will require wood scale of all product prior to removing from the timber sale area. A LISTING OF APPROVED QUALIFIED LOGGING COMPANIES IS AVAILABLE FROM THE FORESTRY OFFICE.

**SCALING, HAULING, RECORDING OF PRODUCT VOLUME**

**A. Mill Scale-Haul Permit System (mandatory for all qualified Contractors, at the discretion of Seller's Representative for Contractors without qualified status as determined by Vilas County's Representative):**

1. Product Limitations: Use of Mill Scale-Haul Permits (tickets) is limited to the hauling of softwood pulpwood & bolts, aspen pulpwood & bolts, hardwood pulpwood, pine logs, co-mingled pine products, and wood chips, including bark, leaves, etc. which are shipped to mills and markets with a certified wood scaler or weight scale to intake products. Mills or buyers must also have the capability to provide a mill scale slip including company name, date, species, product, and detailed measurements of product that may include height and length measurements for stick scaled cord products, board feet measurements for sawlog products, or net weight scale for weight scaled products. Note: hardwood bolts and hardwood logs, poles and wood shipped to buyers without scalers (firewood, unmanned landings, private wood yards) require woods scale by Vilas County's Representative.
2. Estimated Value of Payment Haul Permits (tickets) is to be paid in advance by the Purchaser at the Forestry Office prior to any hauling. The value of the tickets will be based on a 29 ton load size, using a weighted average, based on sold value divided by estimated tons or a total value per book. Total value per book will be charged. Advance payment haul permit tickets must be purchased in books of 10 only.
3. **Mandatory Advanced Payment Haul Permits (tickets) Purchases:** Purchaser is required to provide estimated weekly production rates of the planned operation to Vilas County's Representative at time of Contract signature. Purchaser is required to purchase advance haul ticket **prior to harvesting activity** at the minimum rates depending upon production capability:
  - 50-100 cords per week- minimum advance purchase of 10 tickets, minimum weekly ticket inventory on hand 5.
  - 101-150 cords per week- minimum advance purchase of 20 tickets, minimum weekly ticket inventory on hand 10.
  - 150+ cords per week- minimum advance purchase of 30 tickets, minimum weekly ticket inventory on hand 15.
  - **Increases in cutting production capabilities by addition of machinery, increased hourly shifts or demonstrated production capabilities shown by increases in wood decked on site beyond trucking rates, will require additional ticket inventory to be purchased in advance as determined appropriate by Vilas County's Representative.**
4. The Purchaser shall utilize 3- part Haul Permits (tickets) as provided by Vilas County to keep a written record of each load removed and its destination. The Purchaser agrees to provide names, addresses and phone numbers of all mills and wood buyers which will receive product from the

sale of wood from this Contract to Vilas County's Representative prior to cutting and delivery of any product under this Contract.

- a. The Purchaser shall use Haul Permits (tickets) in sequence and shall use all the Haul Permits (tickets) in a book before starting another book. Haul Permits (tickets) may only be used on the Contract for which they were purchased.
- b. The Purchaser shall insure that Haul Permits (tickets) are **completely** filled out before each load of wood products leaves the sale area. The original is to be deposited in the ticket (lock) box.
- c. The first copy (white copy) of the Haul Permit (ticket) shall be deposited into the on-site ticket lock box prior to leaving the sale area. Tickets must be fully inserted into the lock box slot.
  1. Hung tickets will be considered the same as not depositing a ticket. A Haul Permit (ticket) will be considered hung if the ticket is deposited into the ticket box, yet is retractable.
  2. Failure to deposit Haul Permits (tickets) in the ticket (lock) box before each load of cut wood products leaves the sale area will be considered a violation of Vilas County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 16.06(2)(c), or § 943.20, Wis. Stats and will result in the charges at two (2) times the mill delivered value of an average load for that specific product.
- d. The second copy (green copy) of the Haul Permit (ticket) is to accompany the load to the mill. The Purchaser shall provide mill or wood buyer with one copy of each haul permit upon delivery of product. This copy shall be attached to the official mill scale slip and returned to the Vilas County Forestry Department as instructed on the ticket.
  - The Haul Permit provides instructions to the mill/buyer on delivery of information to the Vilas County Forestry Department name and address (on Haul Permit) for each load and requests mills/buyers to provide copies of the scale slips by mail directly to the Vilas County Forestry Department within 15 days of receipt of the wood products. E-mail may also be used if requested directly from the mill. **Note that the 15-day deadline shall begin upon the product leaving the sale area.**
  - The Haul Permit system requires that mill scale slips be returned directly from the mill to Vilas County, mills and buyers that fail to return scale slips directly cannot be utilized under the Haul Permit system and would require woods scale prior to delivery.
  - **The Purchaser shall insure that mills and buyers provide the corresponding mill tickets to match the haul permits within the 15-day deadline.**
  - **Failure by the Purchaser to provide mill scale slips for loads, within the 15-day time frame, will result in load charges as follows: 50 ton per load for weight scaled product, 20 cords for stick scaled cordwood products, 8000 board feet for stick scaled sawlog products. Products with variable priced species contained on individual loads will be charged at the highest price product on the product listing. These charges shall remain once inputted into the Vilas County Forestry Department accounting system and shall not be changed by providing mill slips after the 15-day deadline.**
- e. The third copy (manila copy) of the Haul Permit (ticket) shall be retained in the Haul Permit (ticket) book as the Purchaser's record for the loads and products delivered.
- f. Vilas County retains the right to stop trucks engaged in hauling activity to inspect the load and compliance with the Mill Scale-Haul Permit system.
- g. After completion of cutting activity, the Purchaser shall have fifteen (15) days to return all remaining mill scale slips to the Vilas County Forestry Department with Haul Permits (copy #2 – green copy) attached. The Haul Permits (tickets) will be reconciled and the Purchaser will be sent a statement of account in which the Purchaser will have seven (7) days to pay any remaining balance. If wood products are not marketed within two (2)

weeks of cutting completion, all remaining products will be scaled on the landing, the on-site ticket box will be removed and products will be billed to the Purchaser based upon woods scale. Please refer to Par 1.c. for notification requirements.

- h. Purchaser shall insure that employees or subcontractors do not place Haul Permit (tickets) into the on-site ticket box for any product that was previously scaled and marked as scaled by Vilas County's Representative. **Purchaser agrees that violation of this requirement will result in double charges assessed to loads based upon both the woods scale and the mill scale ticket.**
- i. Vilas County reserves the right to complete woods scale and billing for value of any product from the premises as may be determined appropriate by Vilas County's Representative.

**B. Woods Scale-(mandatory for unqualified Contractors, hardwood sawlogs , hardwood bolts, all pole length material, any product pile containing a hardwood sawlog, all products to be delivered to a Purchaser or site without qualified scaling staff or weight scaling equipment, anytime as deemed appropriate by Vilas County's Representative.):**

1. The Purchaser agrees that if determined to be an **un-qualified Contractor by Vilas County's Representative, no products may be removed from the premises prior to Vilas County's Representative scaling of products** to determine number of cords or board feet. These products can only be removed from the premises when designated as scaled by Vilas County's Representative by appropriate marking or painting of the ends of piles or logs.
2. The Purchaser agrees that if determined to be a qualified Contractor by Vilas County's Representative, no hardwood saw logs, hardwood bolts, pole length products, any product mixed with hardwood saw logs, hardwood bolts or pole length products will be removed from the premises prior to Vilas County's Representative scaling of products to determine number of cords or board feet. These products can only be removed from the premises when designated as scaled by Vilas County's Representative by appropriate marking or painting of the ends of piles or logs.
3. The Purchaser agrees that if any product is to be delivered to a Purchaser or site without qualified scaling staff or weight scaling equipment, no products will be removed from the premises prior to Vilas County's Representative scaling of products to determine number of cords or board feet. These products can only be removed from the premises when designated as scaled by Vilas County's Representative by appropriate marking or painting of the ends of piles or logs.

**Failure to record volumes and products removed from the premises through methods identified in Paragraph 5.A or 5.B. above shall be considered a violation of this Contract, timber theft and a breach of Contract.**